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EAST BURWOOD



## ***ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY***

*The name 'Maundy' derives from the Latin for 'new commandment' – mandatum novum – which Christ (according to John) gave his disciples at the 'Last Supper'. Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Great Three Days. From the Eucharist of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, Christian worship is a continuum through to the climax of Easter morning. This holiest time of the year contains differing emphases, but it is, nevertheless, a continuum.*

*This is a very rich liturgy. The Gospel speaks of love and service, which are also expressed in the ceremony of the foot washing. The New Testament reading records the institution of the Lord's Supper. The evening setting highlights the nearness of the betrayal and approaching passion of Jesus. We may wash one another's feet.*

*A silent Watch or Prayer Vigil is observed at the conclusion of the service.*

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Entrance Hymn: TiS 536** “An upper room did our Lord prepare . . .”

**An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those He loved until the end:  
and His disciple still gather there  
to celebrate their risen friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave His own  
to share His bread His loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by His cross shall lift us up.**

**And after supper he washed their feet,  
for service too is sacrament.  
In Him our joy shall be made complete -  
sent out to serve as he was sent.**

**No end there is we depart in peace.  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
he will be there as Lord and host.**

Patrick Pratt Green 1903-

### ***Acclamation and Greeting:***

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,  
**Whose mercy endures for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### ***Welcome***

### ***Invitation to Confession:***

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

### ***Confession:***

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Absolution***

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Kyries:***

Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy,**  
Lord have mercy.

***The Gloria:***

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

***The Prayer of the Day:***

Grant, Lord,  
that we who receive the holy sacrament  
of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
may be the means  
by which the work of his incarnation shall go forward:  
take, consecrate, break and distribute us,  
to be for others a means of your grace,  
and vehicles of your eternal love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The ministry of the Word:***

***The first reading: Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14***

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will

strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18***

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:

**the voice of my supplication;**

Because he inclined his ear to me:

**in the day that I called to him.**

How shall I repay the Lord:

**for all his benefits to me?**

I will take up the cup of salvation:

**and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:

**in the presence of all his people.**

Grievous in the sight of the Lord:

**is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant,

your servant and the child of your handmaid:

**you have unloosed my bonds.**

I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:

**and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:

**in the presence of all his people,**

In the courts of the house of the Lord:

**even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

***The second reading: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26***

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual hymn: TiS 583 "Take up your cross, the Saviour said"***

**'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,  
'if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart  
and humbly follow after me.'**

**Take up your cross; let not its weight  
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still:  
your Lord refused not even to die  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**Take up your cross, then, in his strength  
and calmly every danger brave;  
it guides you to a better home  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.**

***The Gospel reading:***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to John, chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been

glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

Charles William Everest 1814-77 *alt.*

## ***The Sermon***

### ***The Washing of feet***

#### ***Fr Anthony says:***

Fellow servants of Christ, on this night Jesus set an example for the disciples by washing their feet, a humble act of service.

Tonight as a COVIDSafe measure we will wash one person's feet as a representative of us all. As we do so we remember that strength and growth in God's reign come by lowly service such as this.

During the washing of feet, we sing: "***Kneels at the feet of his friends***"

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet:  
master who acts as a slave to them.  
*Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
Show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you.***

**Neighbours are wealthy and poor,  
varied in colour and race,  
neighbours are near us and far away.**

**These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbours to us and you.**

**Loving puts us on our knees,  
silently washing our feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.**

TiS 640 Thomas Stevenson Colvin 1923- and the people of Ghana *alt.*

*At the completion of the foot washing:*

Jesus said: Just as you did it to one of the least of these,  
who are members of my family, you did it to me.

***The prayers of the people:***

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*At the conclusion*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Prayer of Approach:***

**We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord,  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

***Offertory hymn: "I cannot tell, why he whom angels worship"***

**I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship  
should set His love upon the sons of men,  
or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers  
to bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know that He was born of Mary  
when Bethlehem's manger was His only home  
and that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently He suffered,  
as with His peace he graced this place of tears  
or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted.  
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.**

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
how he will claim His earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of East and West, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,  
and he shall reap the harvest He has sown,  
and some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour  
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship  
when, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture  
and myriad, myriad human voices sing  
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer  
at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

William Young Fullerton, 1857-1932.

### ***Reception of Holy Oils***

*The Holy Oils will be received.*

#### ***Oil for the sick - (Infirmarium)***

*We bring the oil for the sick blessed by our bishop for the anointing of those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.*

God of healing, by holy anointing may the sick and the dying gain strength in their suffering. May they be released from fear and receive the comfort of trusting in you. **Amen.**

#### ***Oil for the newly baptised - (Chrism)***

*We bring the holy chrism, a mixture of oil and fragrant perfume consecrated by our bishop to anoint all those baptised.*

God of eternal life, may the newly baptised be signed as Christ's own forever and transformed into his likeness. **Amen.**

#### ***Oil of Catechumens - (Catechumenorum)***

*We bring the oil of catechumens for the anointing of those who are not yet baptised.*

Loving God, remind us of our duty to proclaim the gospel and prepare your people for baptism. **Amen.**

#### ***Prayer over the gifts:***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## ***The Great Thanksgiving:***

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;  
where life was lost, there life has been restored.

When his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples,  
that we might proclaim his death,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,*

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

***The breaking of the bread:***

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

### ***Agnus Dei:***

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

### ***Invitation to communion:***

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body  
and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### ***The Communion***

#### ***Prayer after Communion:***

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of betrayal  
Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as he loved them.  
We thank you for feeding us in this supper.  
Give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all,  
who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The consecrated bread and wine is carried to the Altar of Repose.*

*During this procession, we sing together:*

#### ***Hymn: TiS 344 'Glory be to Jesus'***

**Glory be to Jesus,  
who in bitter pains,  
poured for me the life blood  
from his sacred veins.**

**2. Grace and life eternal  
in that blood I find;  
blessed be his compassion,  
infinitely kind.**

**3. Blessed through endless ages  
be the precious stream,  
which from endless torment  
did the world redeem.**

**4. Abel's blood for vengeance  
pleaded to the skies;  
but the blood of Jesus  
for our pardon cries.**

**5. Oft as it is sprinkled  
on our guilty hearts,  
Satan in confusion  
terror-struck departs.**

**6. Oft as earth exulting  
wafts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.**

**7. Let us lift our voices,  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood.**

Anon., Italian c. 1815 tr. Edward Caswall 1814-78 alt.

*Here the Blessed Sacrament remains throughout the night, and the faithful are invited to keep watch - commemorating our Lord's own vigil of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.*

*The stripping of the church takes place while Psalm 22 is read.  
Then all may join in singing quietly the Taizé chant:*

**Stay with me,  
remain here with me  
watch and pray,  
watch and pray.**

Stay with me,  
remain here with me  
watch and pray,  
watch and pray.

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remain here with me  
watch and pray,  
watch and pray.

Stay with me,  
remain here with me  
watch and pray,  
watch and pray.

Stay with me,  
remain here with me  
watch and pray,  
watch and pray.

From the Taize Community (1991)

*At the conclusion of the hymn, the people depart in silence without a blessing or dismissal.*

*The Church will be left, bare, dark and desolate.  
All is desolation until Easter morning.*

*The Vigil commences. All may stay, people may leave as they choose,  
or return at anytime during the night.*

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We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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